Agreement with World Bank for rural finance system

401. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has signed loan agreements with Wold Bank for strengthening rural finance system, vocational training programmes and community based water management projects;

(b) if so, furnish the break up of the loan amounts and how many vocational institutions and communities world respectively receive funds for training and water management projects in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) whether any co-operative credit projects would be provided under the said scheme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Utilization of funds in Andhra Pradesh

402. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is fully utilizing the funds for the development of some regions which were specially identified;

(b) if so, the details of such regions identified by Government during the last three years, State-wise especially in A.P.;

(c) the funds earmarked, released and utilized during the last three years, region-wise;

(d) the progress achieved so far, region-wise and year-wise;

(e) whether Government has issued some guidelines on non-lapsable fund; and

(f) if so, the complete details thereof during the current year especially for A.P.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Rural Development has advised the State Governments to utilize the available funds to the maximum extent possible as per the programme guidelines.

(c) and (d) The funds allocated and released to and utilized by the Government of Andhra Pradesh under major rural development programmes during the last three years *i.e.* 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07 are given in the statement. (*See* below)

(e) and (f) The unspent funds in the States, including Andhra Pradesh under Rural Development programmes are carried forward to the next financial year.